

DECLARATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I hereby claim benefit under title 35, United States Code, 119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below:

Provisional application No. 60/413,732 filed on September 26, 2002

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/xxx,xxx filed on September 26, 2003

I believe I am the first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **PROACTIVE BURST CONTENTION AVOIDANCE SCHEDULING ALGORITHMS FOR LABELLED OPTICAL BURST SWITCHING NETWORKS** the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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NONE

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I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Proactive Burst Contention Avoidance Scheduling Algorithms for Labelled Optical Burst Switching & Networks

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

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was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) [redacted] as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number [redacted] and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) [redacted] (if applicable).

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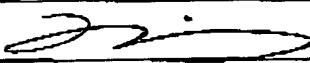
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